GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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UPLINKING FACILITY
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government have decided to grant permission of free uplinking facility on `C` Band-to Indian Companies entering into Broadcasting field;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount proposed to be mobilized through such measures?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING & MINISTER OF STATE OF TH DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT
(SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) &(b) Govt. has permitted the Indian companies with a minimum of 80% Indian Share-holding and Indian Management Control to uplink their satellite TV Channels from India. Licence fee at the rate of Rs. 100 per year per station and royalty at the rate of Rs.35,000/- per year per MHz band-width or part thereof is charged by WPC Wing from the agencies uplinking from India.

(c) Details of annual income which are accruing or likely to accrue to the Govt. and VSNL are as follows:
i). Annual licence fee and royalty Rs. 1.4 Crores charges by WPC, Department of Telecommunication.
ii). Uplinking facility charges by VSNL Rs.12.0 Crores TOTAL Rs.13.4 Crores